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Letter dated 2 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward to you a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China concerning the holding of a world conference on women in 1995 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter and its annex to be issued as an official document of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Advancement of women", and of the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council for 1991, under the item entitled "Advancement of women", and brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women.

(Signed) LI Daoyu
Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of China
to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Letter dated 28 January 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of China to the Secretary-General

I should like to refer to General Assembly resolutions 44/77 and 45/129 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/12 regarding the holding of a world conference on women in 1995.

In keeping with those resolutions, in the name of the Chinese Government, I wish to convey to you an invitation to all interested parties to hold the 1995 world conference on women in Beijing. In addition to this invitation, the Chinese Government is prepared to play host to a non-governmental organizations forum which traditionally serves as an ancillary meeting to the world conference.

The Chinese Government and people would be most satisfied to see the next world conference on women held, for the first time, in the capital of an Asian country. The previous three conferences were convened in Mexico, Denmark and Kenya. It is appropriate that this conference be held in China, for in no other continent is there a larger female population than in Asia and in no other country than in China. Always attaching importance to the work concerning women, the Chinese Government has, at home, made tremendous efforts and scored remarkable achievements in improving the status of women, ensuring equality between men and women and promoting women's participation in national development. Internationally, it has been deeply involved in the activities relating to women within the United Nations system and has made useful contributions to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the maintenance of world peace.

The Chinese Government is well aware of the human, material and financial resources involved in connection with the conference. China has considerable experience in organizing large international activities and Beijing is well equipped with the necessary facilities required for international conferences.

I should like to assure you of the close co-operation of the Chinese Government in the preparation of the conference and of every effort necessary to ensure its successful convocation.

(Signed) QIAN Qichen
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
People's Republic of China